

Application Serial No: 10/631,221  
In reply to Office Action of 10 August 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are in the case. No claim has been allowed.

The Examiner has taken the position that the following Group I and Group II of the claims herein are independent inventions, and has required restriction of Applicant's prosecution of this Application to one of them under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

I. Claims 1-4 and 12-18, drawn to a product, classified in class 174, subclass 74A.

II. Claims 5-11, drawn to a molding process, classified in class 156, subclass 85.

The Examiner has contended that the inventions of Group I and II are related as a process of making and a product made.

The Examiner has further remarked that these inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make another and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially difference process. The Examiner has required election with or without traverse.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4 and 12-18, to move the prosecution of subject patent application forward. However, the Applicants traverse the requirement to reserve all rights as the prosecution proceeds.

Non-elected claims 5-11 are stated to be "withdrawn" by this amendment.

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The Examiner is invited to phone Michael F. Oglo, attorney for Applicants, 401-832-4736, if in his opinion such phone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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